



# Section 6 Project Update

Purdue Road School

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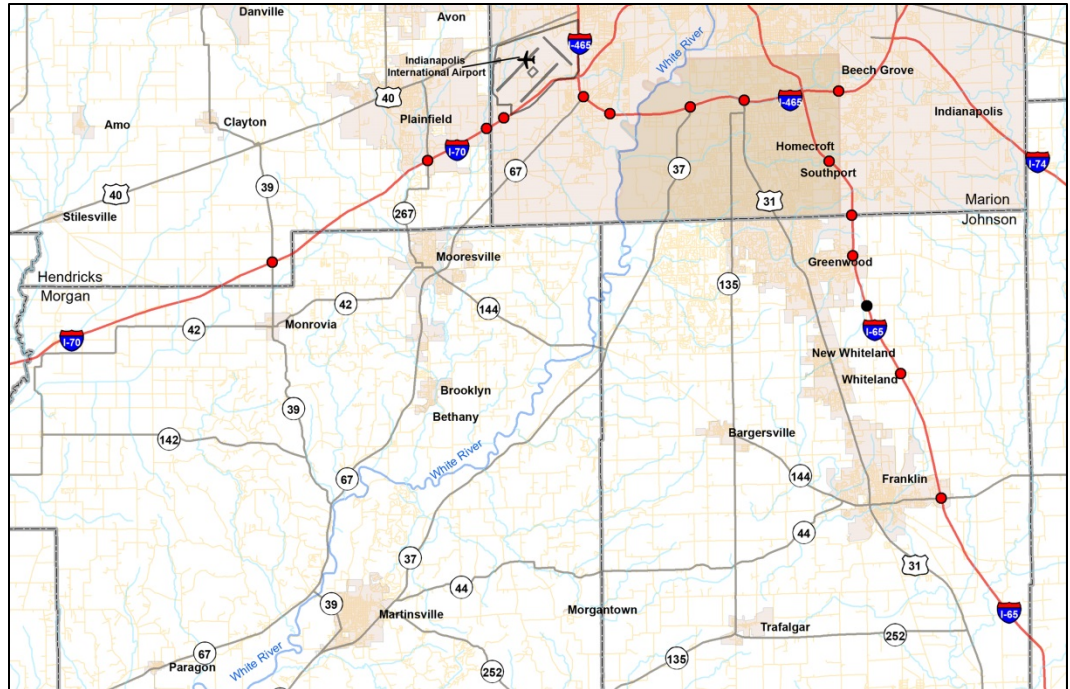
# Agenda



- **Project Background**
- **Activities:**  
October 2014 – March 2016
- **Project Schedule**
- **Questions**

# Background

- Section 6 limits:  
Just south of SR39  
in Martinsville to  
I-465 in Indianapolis
- 2004 Tier 1 EIS  
selected SR 37  
corridor as new I-69
- Tier 2 studies  
began in 2004;  
paused as Sections  
1-2-3 constructed



# Background

- Section 6 studies resumed October 2014
- Resumption began with no predetermined routes
- Revised four-county study area (Hendricks, Marion, Johnson and Morgan counties)
- SR 37 corridor will be carried forward regardless if additional routes are studied further



# Scoping Considerations

What should INDOT/FHWA consider when determining whether to evaluate alternatives outside the SR 37 corridor?



# Scoping Considerations

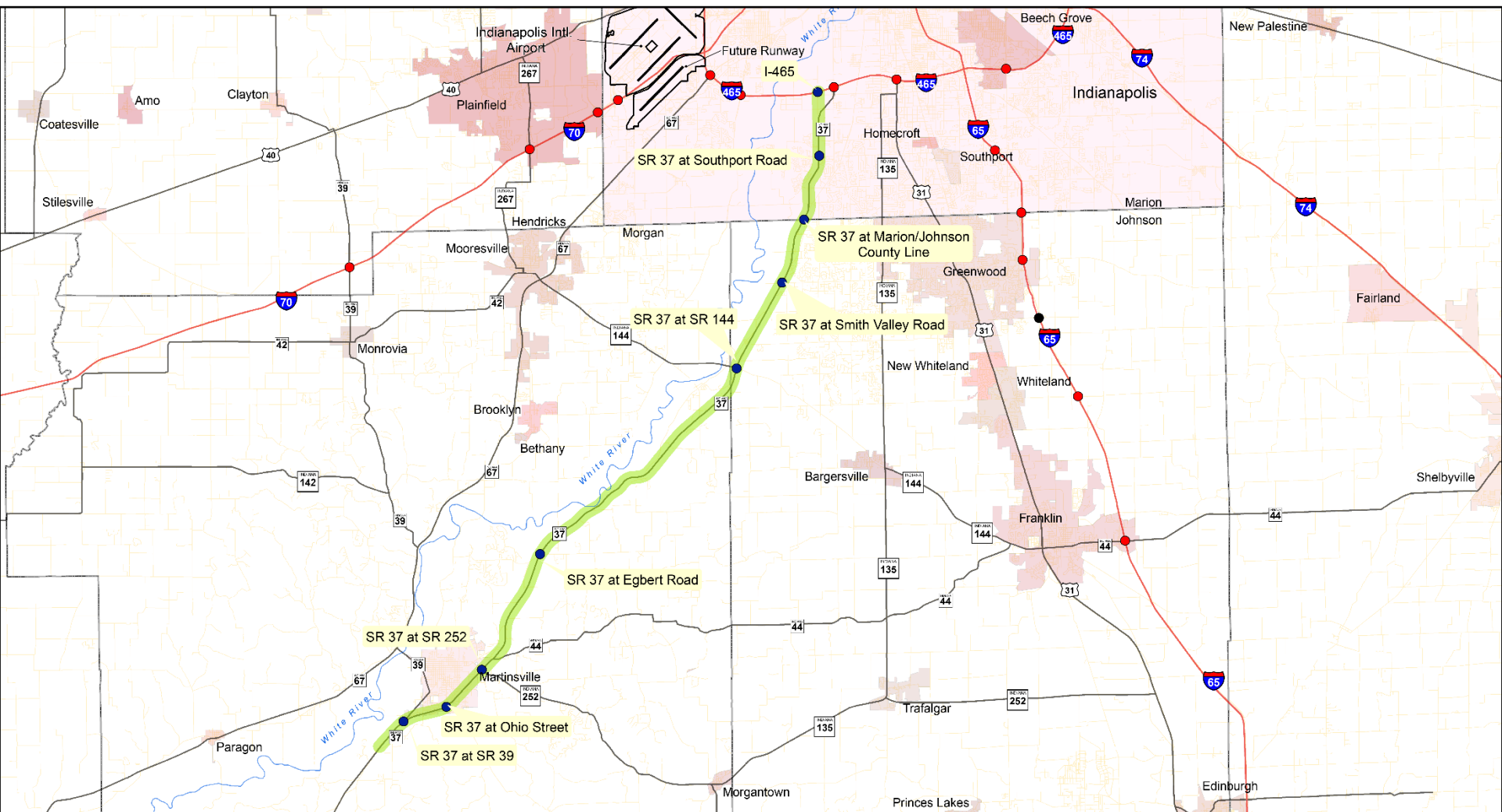
## Why?

- **Original decision was in 2004**
- **Review and document 2003-2014 changes in**
  - Development patterns
  - Population
  - Employment trends
  - Estimated project costs: construction, real estate, mitigation, etc.
- **Investigate reducing, avoiding significant impacts**
- **Original SR 37 corridor will be considered throughout environmental process**





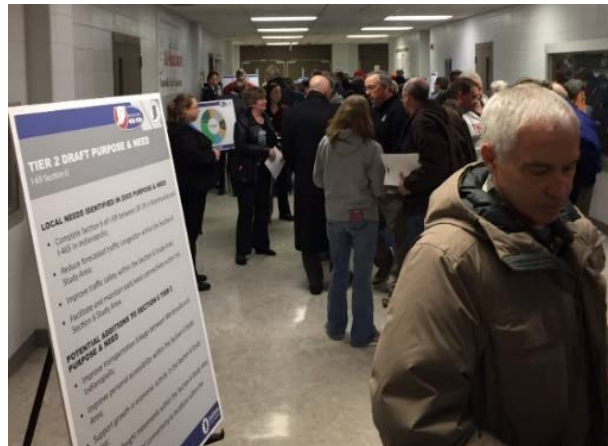
# Initial Study Area





# February 2015 Scoping Meeting

- **Two meetings; 500+ attendees**
  - February 23: Center Grove High School (243 signed in)
  - February 25: Martinsville High School (326 signed in)
- **Comments could be written, spoken to court reporter, provided at public comment session and/or submitted via project website**



# Stakeholder Scoping Comments

## Reasons to consider alternatives outside SR 37 corridor:

Decision was issued more than 10 years ago, and conditions have changed

Different alternatives could have different economic growth-generating potential

Consideration should be given to moving goods and freight around the country on a regional basis

Preferred Alternative should have the lowest social impact



# Stakeholder Scoping Comments

## Reasons NOT to consider alternatives outside SR 37 corridor:

Similar concerns whether INDOT constructs I-69 on SR 37 or off existing alignment

Local communities have planned for I-69 along existing SR 37 (zoning changes and constructing access roads)

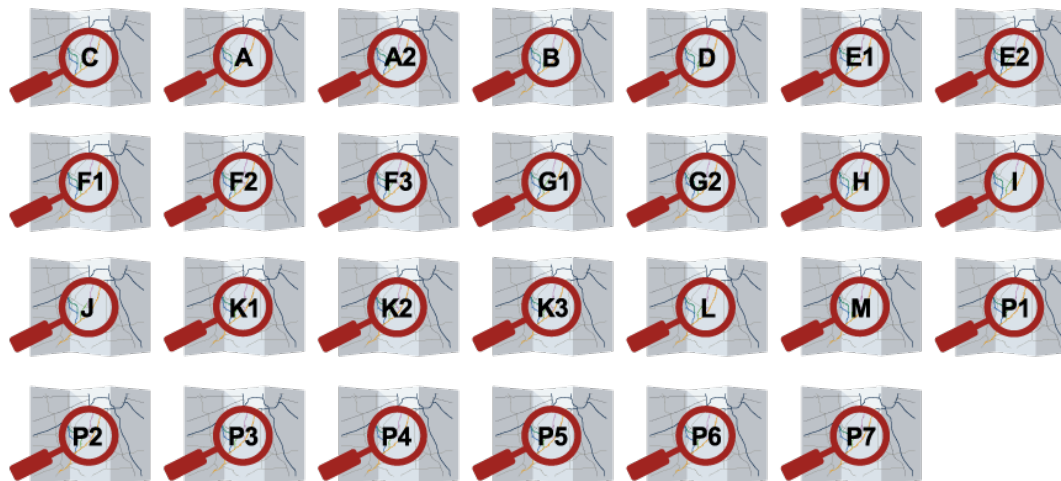
The SR 37 corridor may have fewer impacts to farmland, natural resources

Constructing grade separations on SR 37 will increase safety along route



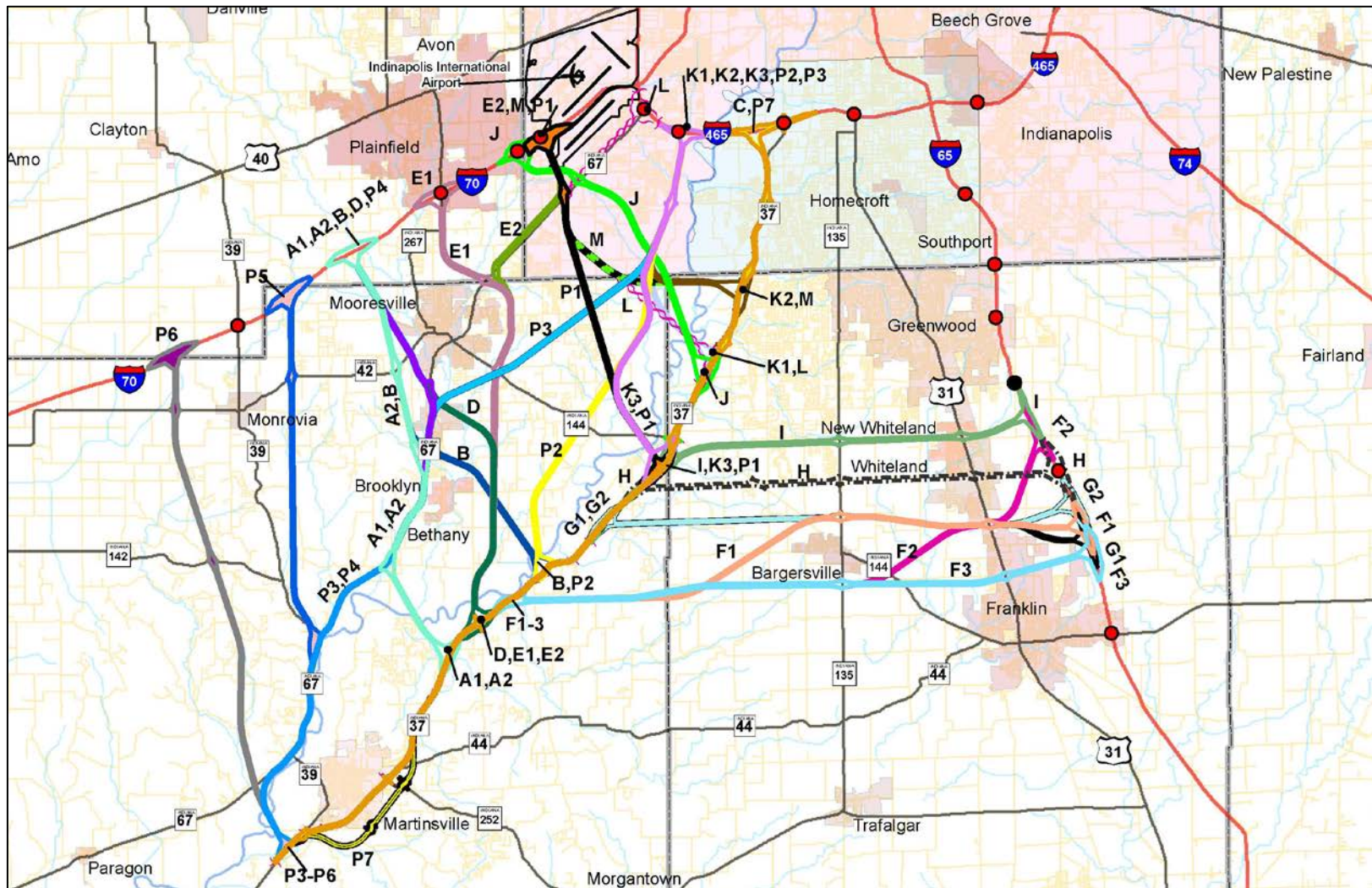
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**27**  
ALTERNATIVES  
UNDER STUDY





## 27 Conceptual Alternatives



# Scoping Conclusion

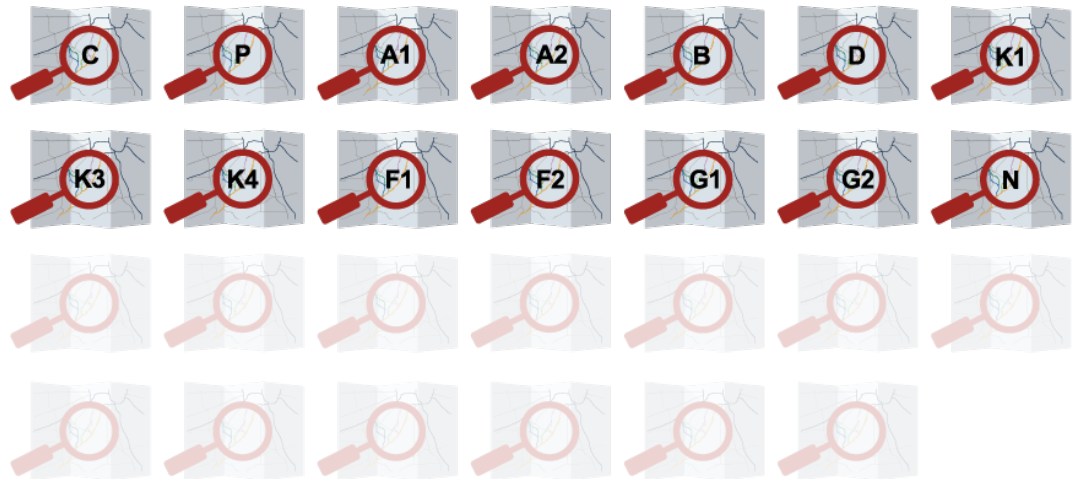
- **FHWA/INDOT will consider alternatives outside Tier 1 Section 6 corridor**
- *Upgrading SR 37 to I-69 will remain an alternative throughout evaluation process*



# May 2015 Activities

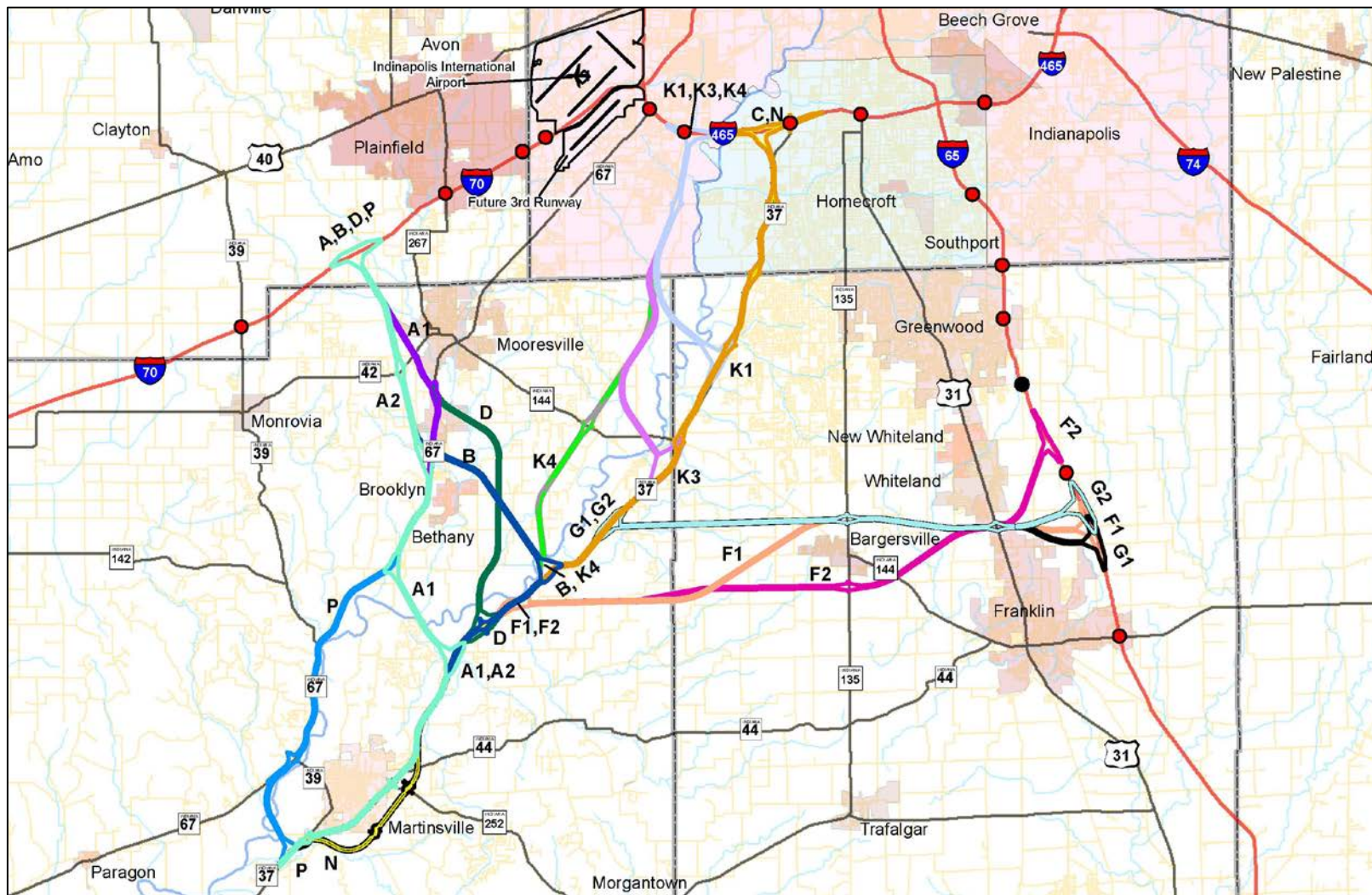
- 14 Conceptual Alternatives developed from feedback at meetings
- May 18: *Conceptual Alternatives Report* released
- May 18-19: Public meetings

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ALTERNATIVES  
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# 14 Conceptual Alternatives

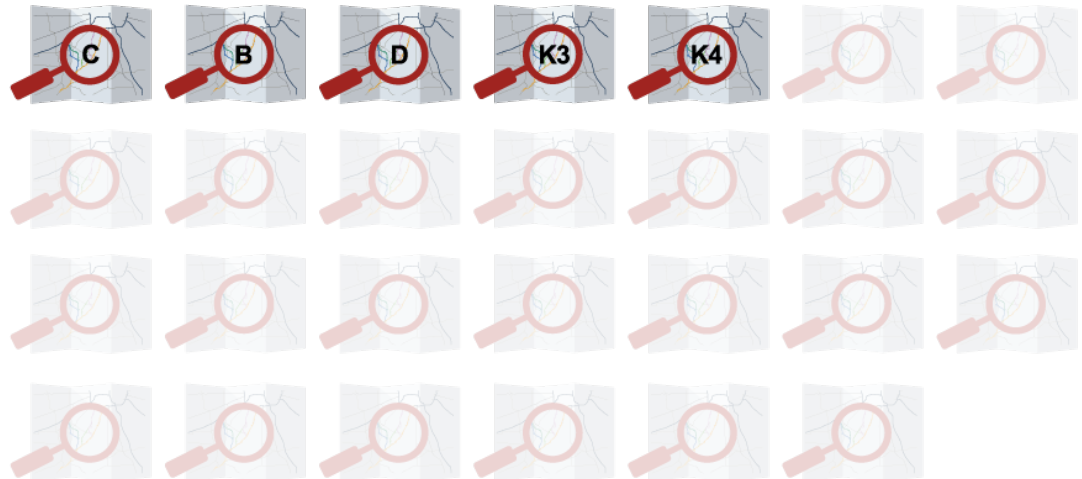


# June 2015 Activities

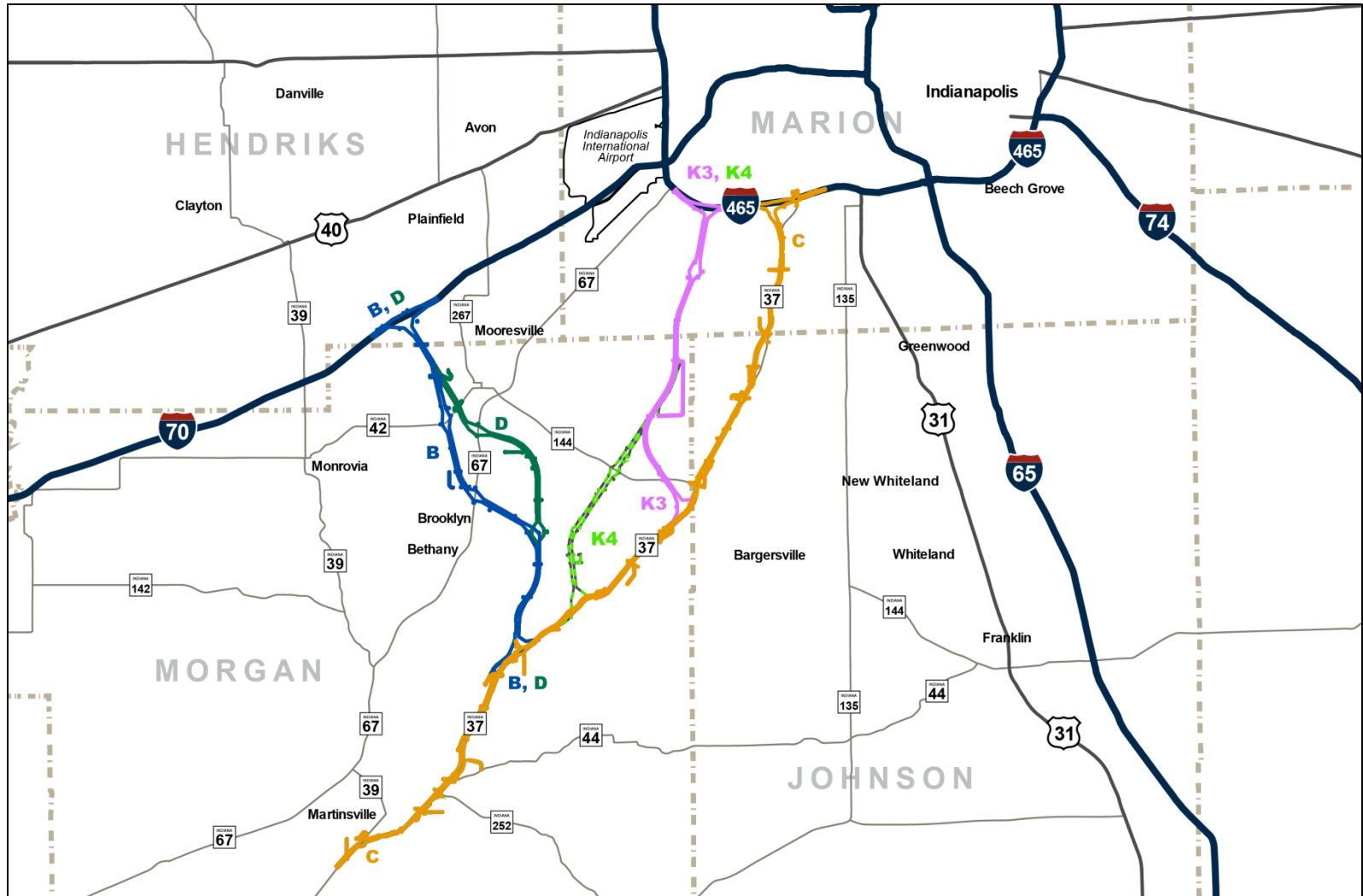
- **June 2015:** Alternatives under study screened to five; these alternatives referred to as **Preliminary Alternatives**
- **June 2015:** *Preliminary Alternative Selection Report* released
- **Ongoing since June 2015:** Environmental field work, cost analysis, and performance evaluations

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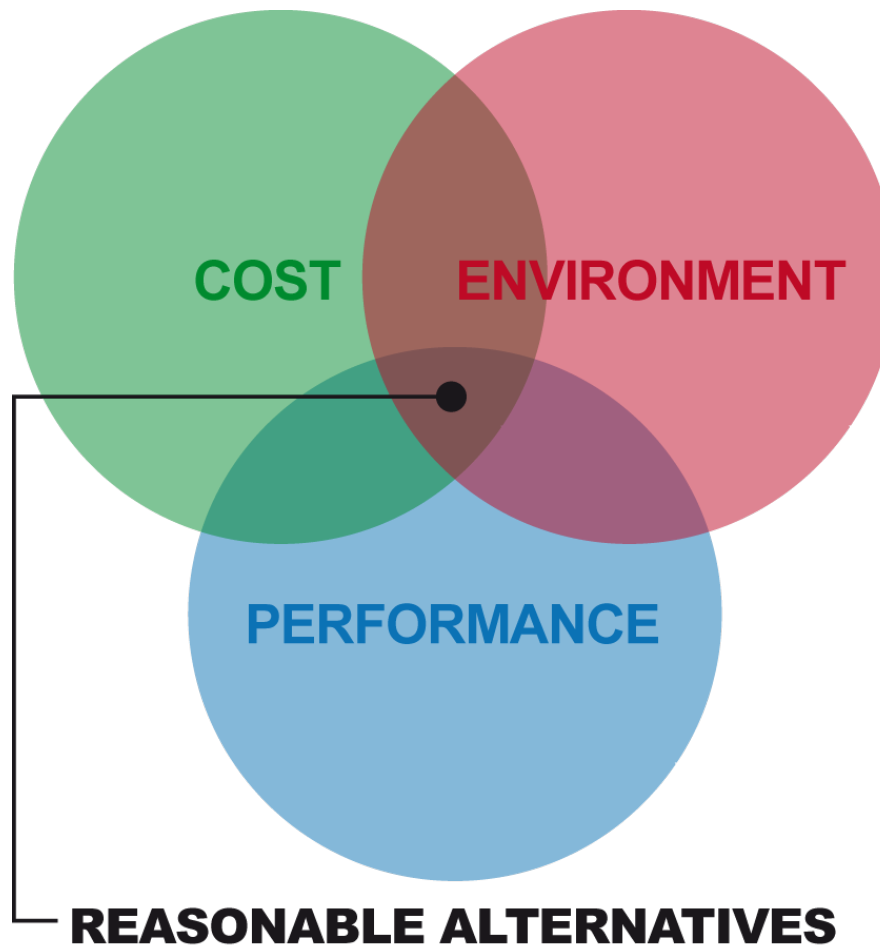
## ALTERNATIVES UNDER STUDY



# 5 Preliminary Alternatives

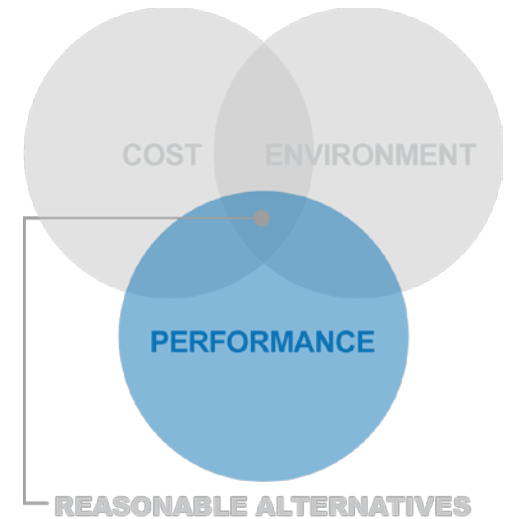


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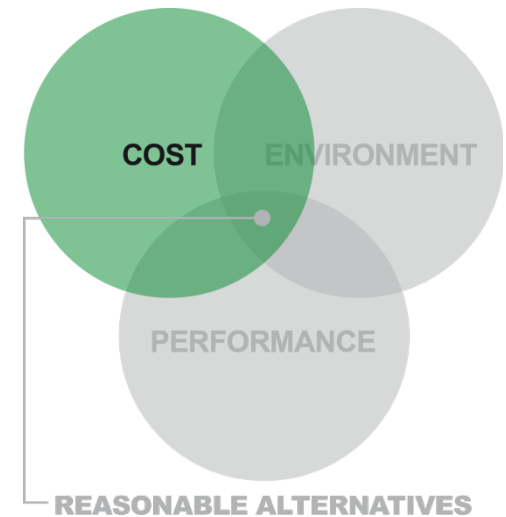
# Performance Measures

- Safety improvements (crash reductions)
- Travel times
- Congestion reduction
- Economic benefits/impacts



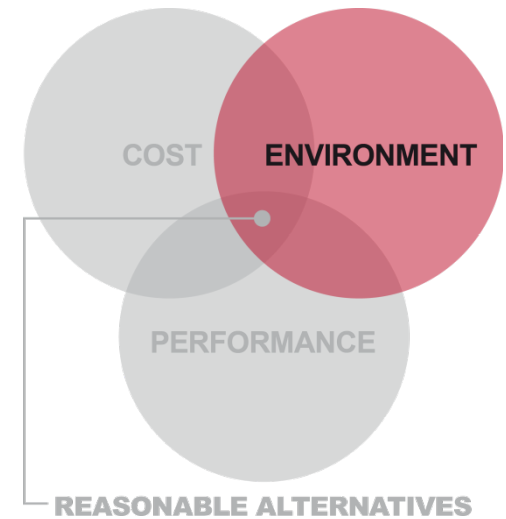
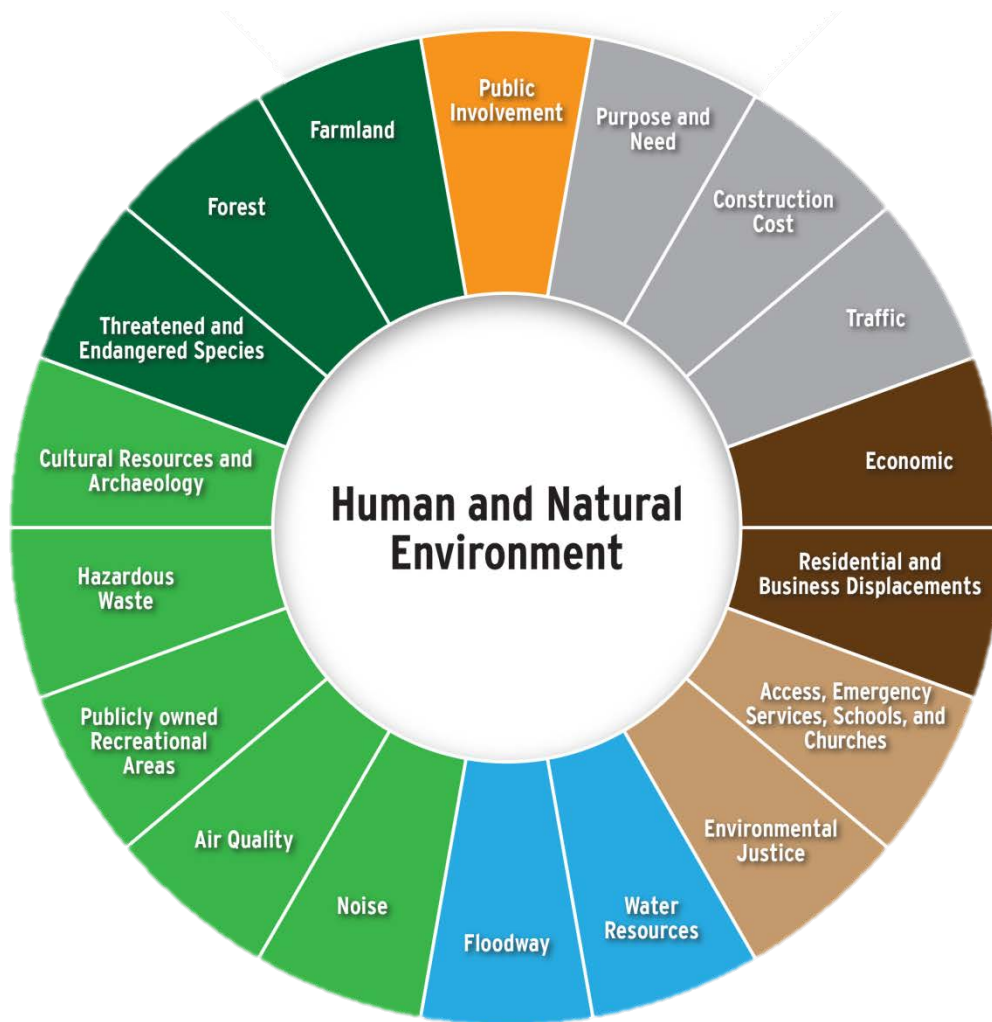
# Cost Considerations

- Construction cost
- Real estate cost
- Mitigation cost
- SR 37 infrastructure cost
- I-465 and I-70 improvement cost





# Environmental Considerations





# Stakeholder Involvement



## **Proactive and aggressive stakeholder involvement for public comment**

- Community advisory committees (CAC)
- Stakeholder working groups (SWG)
- Resource agencies
- Public involvement meetings

# Public Involvement Investment

- Full-time public involvement specialist
- Website
- Listserv
- Social media
- Local presentations
- Project office



- Project documents
- Maps
- Screening reports
- CAC/SWG information
- Media room
- FAQ
- Schedule

The screenshot displays the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Text, Find an Agency, Find a Person, Account Center, Online Services, FAQs, and Help. The main header features the IN.gov logo, the slogan "A State that Works", and a search bar. Below this, a secondary navigation bar lists various state services: About Indiana, Agriculture & Environment, Business & Employment, Education & Training, Family & Health, Law & Justice, Public Safety, Taxes & Finance, and Tourism & Transportation. The main content area is titled "Indiana Department of Transportation" and includes a large graphic of the Interstate 69 shield. On the left, a sidebar lists project sections from Tier 1 EIS to Section 6 - Martinsville to Indianapolis. A dropdown menu for Section 6 is open, showing links to Project Overview, Maps, Project Updates and News, Project Documents, Community Advisory Committees, Media Room, Comment Form, and FAQs. On the right, there are sections for "Online Services" (Traffic Conditions, Report a Concern, Notice of Tort Claim Form, Indiana GIS Atlas, Rules.IN.gov) and "Top FAQs" (Draft Purpose and Need, Project Office). At the bottom, a paragraph describes the history of the I-69 project, mentioning the Tier 1 Environmental Impact Study (EIS) initiated in 1999 and the December 2003 decision to extend the route south.



# 2015 Public Involvement Summary

- **40+ meetings** with organizations, utilities, businesses
- **CAC and SWG quarterly meetings**
- **Land Use Panel meetings**
- **Public information meetings**



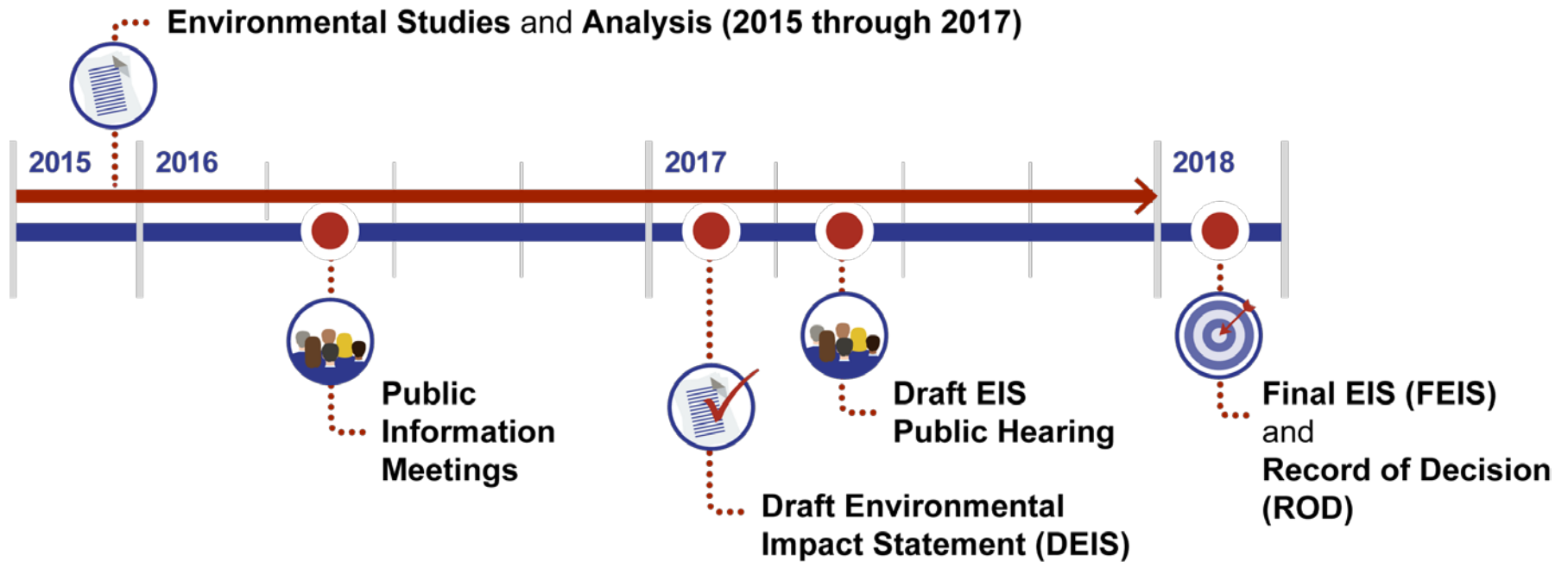
- Feb. 23 – Center Grove High School
- Feb. 25 – Martinsville High School
- May 18 – Center Grove High School
- May 19 – Martinsville High School
- Nov. 30 – Perry Meridian High School
- Dec. 2 – Mooresville High School
- Dec. 3 – Martinsville High School

# 2016 Activities

- **Additional public involvement**  
(CAC/SWG, resource agencies, Land Use Panel meetings, public information meetings)
- **Environmental field studies**  
(wetlands, streams, historic resources, noise, right-of-way)
- **Lane determinations**
- **Interchange locations**
- **Local service road evaluations**
- **Cost estimating**



# Schedule



# Questions?







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